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This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the May 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.

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Idaho Milk Production Up 4.6 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2011 totaled 1.08 million pounds, a 4.6 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 0.6 percent from March 2011. March milk production was revised to 1.08 million pounds, up 2 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in April 2011 was 1,870 pounds, up 20 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during April was 576,000 head, up 19,000 from April 2010, and unchanged from March 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2010. March revised production at 15.8 billion pounds, was up 2.4 percent from March 2010. The March revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,834 pounds for April, 9 pounds above April 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.43 million head, 97,000 head more than April 2010, and 8,000 head more March 2011.

Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2010-2011

Month	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	551	573	1,860	1,860	1,025	1,066	4.0
February	554	573	1,690	1,690	936	968	3.4
March	554	576	1,880	1,880	1,042	1,083	3.9
April	557	576	1,850	1,870	1,030	1,077	4.6
May	559		1,940		1,084		
June	562		1,910		1,073		
July	569		2,000		1,138		
August	571		2,000		1,142		
September	571		1,900		1,085		
October	572		1,930		1,104		
November	572		1,830		1,047		
December	574		1,870		1,073		
Annual	564		22,658		12,779		

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, April 2010-2011

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	171	187	2,145	2,125	367	397	8.2
California	1,755	1,769	1,955	1,990	3,431	3,520	2.6
Colorado	117	126	1,975	1,975	231	249	7.8
Florida	114	118	1,770	1,750	202	207	2.5
Idaho	557	576	1,850	1,870	1,030	1,077	4.6
Illinois	101	98	1,670	1,680	169	165	-2.4
Indiana	169	171	1,745	1,740	295	298	1.0
Iowa	212	209	1,750	1,780	371	372	0.3
Kansas	116	121	1,805	1,785	209	216	3.3
Michigan	357	362	1,970	1,955	703	708	0.7
Minnesota	470	471	1,650	1,615	776	761	-1.9
Missouri	101	94	1,325	1,360	134	128	-4.5
New Mexico	323	326	2,090	2,125	675	693	2.7
New York	610	610	1,755	1,770	1,071	1,080	0.8
Ohio	272	268	1,680	1,620	457	434	-5.0
Oregon	115	119	1,730	1,720	199	205	3.0
Pennsylvania	541	543	1,710	1,690	925	918	-0.8
Texas	410	426	1,855	1,915	761	816	7.2
Utah	84	87	1,780	1,740	150	151	0.7
Vermont	137	135	1,565	1,600	214	216	0.9
Virginia	95	96	1,590	1,595	151	153	1.3
Washington	249	256	1,975	1,980	492	507	3.0
Wisconsin	1,261	1,266	1,745	1,735	2,200	2,197	-0.1
23 State Total	8,337	8,434	1,825	1,834	15,213	15,468	1.7

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